Catherine

Coroner was notified.

FRANCHISE TAX CASE ARGUED IN **SUPREME COURT**

Highest Tribunal in the Land Hears Argument on Measure To-Day.

IT INVOLVES MILLIONS.

If Law is Upheld Corporations Will Have to Pay Large Sum of Back Taxes.

HAVE MADE A HARD FIGHT.

Pald Nothing Since Law's Passage in 1900-Beaten in State Courts. Appealed to Federal.

The Ford Franchise Tax bill, which has ben through all the courts of this State in the past six years, will be considered by the Supreme Court of the United States to-day. Attorney-General Julius Mayer is in Washington and will argue for the State of New York for the upholding of the bill. Eminent counsel employed by the corporations of the State will fight to have the law declared unconstitutional, but the Court of Appeals of New York has decided that the right of the State to tax franchises is beyond question, and there is

efforts to cause the franchise owners to pay a just share of their taxation. Senator John Fard, who introduced the Franchise Tax measure in 1898 and has been fighting for it ever since, is cinfident the highest tribunal in the land will clace the stamp of approval upon his work. The city authorities are watching the outcome of the proceedings in Washington with absorbing interest for a fovarouse decision will enable them to collect infilions of dollars which the corporations have refused to pay while the final decision of the bill was pending.

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There is due from the street car lines of Manhattan alone something like \$1,500,000. If the bill is sustained by the Supreme Court the companies will be compelied to pay this amount with compound interest on the deferred payments at 7 per cent. The first assessment was made in 1800.

The city can use the money just now to the very best advantage, and Mayor McClellan and Comptroller Grout are agreed in the hope that the decision will be favorable to the law, even though they disagree on everything else. The Comptroller has already laid his plans to bring proceedings against the recalcitrant corporations, along the recalcitrant corporations.

There is due to the State at large for arrears in corporation franchise taxes since 18.0, over \$25,000,000. The bulk of this comes to New York City. It is estimated that if the tax is upheled by the Supreme Court, the revenue to the city from it will approximate \$15,000,000 a year.

At present the property of the corporations is valued very low. The bill makes no distinction between real estate and the property of a corporation operating under a franchis. Real estate is assessed at It's value, but the assessors have placed the value of the street car corporations at only \$220,000,000. The Metropolitan System for instance is assessed at \$18,000,000.

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WHAT FRANCHISE TAX LAW VICTORY MEANS TO CITY.

Present value of taxable franchises in New York City, \$1,500,-

franchise tax when the assessment is made upon a basis of full value, \$15,000,000.

Amount of deferred taxes due city to-day from transportation companies, \$2,500,000.

Estimated reduction of tax rate f bill is sustained by the United States Supreme Court, 25 per

FOUND DEAD IN ROOM.

Alcoholic Indulgences Believed to Have Caused Masterson's End.

John Materson, fifty years old, was found dead in his room at No. 2345 old Broadway to-day, by his wife. She summoned Policeman Young, who sent for a doctor from the J. Hood Wright Hospital. He pronounced death due to heart disease, brought on by alcoholic in gheavily for the last three weeks.

Masterson was a guard on the elevated road before the strike, and when the men went out he joined them much to the men went out he joined them much to much the coming building at the members of the dentity-line, of No. 52 Handon and a stove.

The hope aduring the coming building at the members of the land them the men went out he joined them much against his own wishes. When the strike was settled he was unable to obtain employment, and, becoming discouraged, took to drink.

SAVED BY TRAMP DOG.

Animal Given Shelter Awakens Benefactors When a Fire Breaks Out.

ROME, N. Y., April 12.-The Poll Gear Works Company's four-stry building, located in the southern part The World first agitated this ques-of the city was destroyed this morning tion, and has been persistent in its by a fire of unknown origin, together efforts to cause the franchise owners with a residence adjoining, occupied by \$20,000 and the insurance \$13,000. Mr. and Mrs. Pell, awakened by the barking of a train dog, which had been from their home with difficulty. The many years, manufacturing the Fors

NEW OFFICERS FOR BUILDERS

Building Trades Employers' Association Elect W. H. McCord as President - Hope for Peace This Year.

One thousand employers in the build-ing trades, representing a capital of the Jefferson Market Police Court O'Connor removed the bundle in which more than \$75,000,000, met at the Build-ing Trades Club, in the Townsend Building. Twenty-fifth street and terfelting, who, he alieges, have cir-Broadway, last night to discuss the culated many bad coins in his precinct, building situation and elect officers.

He also confiscated about \$15 worth

agreement between employers and em-ployees, which did away with sympathetic strikes. Mr. Eldlitz is also the man who caused the prosecution of Sam Parks and other walking delegates

of his stamp.

Mr. Eidiliz said he retired because of pressure of business. His associates honored him with the gift of a gold

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A Dollar's Worth Free To Any Rheumatic Sufferer

Crystallized Poison!

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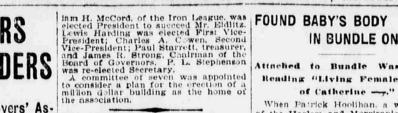
An Entire Factory's Output of Women's Oxfords

We bought out a women's shoe factory in Brockton, Mass. It'll be a Frazin & Oppenheim factory from now on. 5,000 pairs of women's Oxfords, representing their entire product-shoes which averaged the makers \$1.50 to producemade to retail at \$2, will be sold at the big Frazin & Oppenheim shoe store at One Dollar.

They were not eligible to our \$2 stock because no other maker produces twodollar footwear to equal ours—they are naturally superior quality to our regular dollar shoes, because they are made in fancy effects-high-priced leathers and every other good feature of shoes.

It is purely and simply a half-price sale. There is every size to fit every foot Not an Oxford, but what is this season's style.

5,000 pairs represented in patent leather, vici kid with patent leather trimmings, thite kid, white Sea Island duck, white canvas and many leathers not mentioned, made with French heels, Cuban heels, as well as moderate and common sense styles.



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Smelting Metal.

Restaurant

Excellent ser-

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POLICE ARREST GANG OF ALLEGED COUNTERFEITERS. Get Three Men, \$15 in Bad Money, was a paper on which was written in

watch.
There was great applause when Will-

Natural Laxative Water, Hairaglass upon arising acts gently and quickly, giving positive relief. Try it NOW—to-day. Ask distinctly for Hunyadi Janos. Grand Prize, St. Louis Exposition, 1004.

Custom-House and are now in the store. They are the finest Bushes we have received this year-all two-year-olds-grafted to the Manetti roots, which insures

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Every known variety of any worth is represented, including Alfred Colomb, Liberty, Madame Plautier, Persian Yellow, Gabriel Luizet, Chapau Napoleon, Conrad F. Meyer, Marshall P. Wilder, Madame Georges Braunt, Victor Verdier, &c. All Mail Orders will be promptly filled, if accompanied by cash. No bushes can be sent C. O. D. Every bush is labelled with its name—in the nurseries of Holland. Send for whatever variety you want; we're sure to have it.

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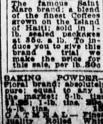
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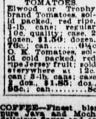
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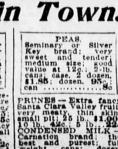
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We're prepared with an array of models in both black and russet leathers.

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You can renew the color of that by dyeing, too. But, more important, you can keep more money in it than you do now if you will only realize how much you pay for new clothes, new ribbons, etc., that you can save and still keep your dresses, waists, etc., fresh and new and always in the newest style colors. Druggists sell Dlamond Dyes at 10 cents per color.

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Bedroom Suits At 1/2 Price.

Oak Bed and Bureau, \$20, reduced to \$10. Oak Bed and Bureau, \$30, reduced to \$15.

Oak Bed and Bureau, \$50, reduced to \$25. Mahogany Veneered Bed and Dresser, \$50, reduced to \$25. Mahogany Veneered Bed and Dresser, \$60., reduced to \$30. Mahogany Veneered Bed and Dresser, \$65, reduced to \$38.

Bureaus-Golden Oak.

\$10.00, reduced to \$6.50. \$12.00, reduced to \$7.50. \$14.00, reduced to \$9.75. \$18.00, reduced to \$11.50. \$25.00, reduced to \$18.00. Bureaus-Birdseye Maple.

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wouldn't last through a season.

\$12.00, reduced to \$8.00. \$15.00, reduced to \$10.00 \$23.00, reduced to \$16.00 \$38.00, reduced to \$25.00.

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5.Piece Slip Covers at

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There are lower prices for Slip Covers to be sure

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Choice of ten patterns; fit guaranteed, of course.

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25c.

Birdseye Maple.

\$30.00, reduced to \$15.00.

\$35.00, reduced to \$20.00.

\$36.00, reduced to \$25.00.

\$48.00, reduced to \$35.00.

Dressing Tables.

Chiffoniers-

Bureaus-Mahogany. \$30.00, reduced to \$19.00. \$36.00, reduced to \$23.00. \$42.00, reduced to \$26.00.

\$75.00, reduced to \$50.00. \$120.00, reduced to \$85.00. Princess Dressers— Mahogany. \$28.00, reduced to \$15.00. \$30.00, reduced to \$16.00. \$32.00, reduced to \$20.00. \$35.00, reduced to \$24.00.

\$40.00, reduced to \$26.00. Chiffoniers— Mahogany. \$25.00, reduced to \$15.00, \$35.00, reduced to \$20.00, \$50.00, reduced to \$30.00, \$55.00, reduced to \$33.00.

Window Shades at 15c. We have for to-morrow's selling exactly three

thousand of these Holland or Opaque Shades-just in time for you to replace the old ones that come down when you clean house.

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88c for Handsome Hand Bags—Of seal, wal-rus, some with purse, others with purse and card case, and some with purse, mirror and salts bottle; Vienna and braided handles, gift any style you desire may be found in this assortment.

\$1.25, \$1.49, \$1.69 and \$1.98 for stylish Hand and Shopping Bags in seal and walrus leither.

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Turn It Into Cash.



In this city people of average circumstances cannot afford to pay rent for one more room than they require. If you have such a room in your he flat reat it profitably by advertising it in the

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Sheer Lawn Stocks and White and Colored Embroidered Lines
Stocks, all of which have been and are being sold by other stores
25c Main Foor, 50th Ct. Co

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\$18,000 worth of Finest Imported Linens which we secured from the importer at about one-fourth and are selling the same way. Included are fine grade German Satin Damask Table Cloths, Table Sets, Scarfs, Squares, Lunch and Tray Cloths with hemstitching and lace insertion.

Extra Fine Satin Damask Hem-stitched Lace inserted Dinner Sets, consisting of one cloth and one dozen napkins, size 22x22, to

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Size 8-4, special at \$2.75. Size 8-10, special at \$4.00. Size 8-12, special at \$5.00. Size 8-14, special at \$6.00. Tray Covers—Hemstitched, lace in-serting, of full bleached German linen, sizes 18x27 and 20x 50c S carfs -Hemstitched satin damask, handsome lace inserting, neat spot,

fleur de lis and other pretty de-18x45, Special at \$1.00 18x72, Special at \$1.25

Lunch Cloths-Of hemstitched satin damask, with lace inserting, pretty designs. 30x30, Special at \$1.00

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Wrist, Shopping, Carriage and the New Fashionable Longjellow Bags at About 1-2 Others' Prices.



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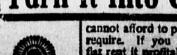
48c, 59c and 69c Hand Bags in a beau-

\$2.25, \$2.39 and \$2.50, Beautiful Bags in genuine seal, genuine walrus and other fashionable leathers.

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